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SUBJECT: NAVAL STAFF COURSE FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REFERENCED INVITATION OCT. 25 WITH MIN. DEF. UNDER SECRETARY GITONGA. AS EXPECTED, GITONGA SAID GOK UNABLE MEET HIGH COST OF COURSE AND MUST THEREFORE REGRETFULLY DECLINE NAVWARCOL'S INVITATION.

2. GITONGA WENT ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT IF USG COULD MEET AT LEAST PORTION OF COSTS FOR SIMILAR MIDDLE-GRADE TRAINING COURSE FOR ANY OF THREE SERVICES IN FUTURE, HIS MINISTRY WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED. GOK NORMALLY PAYS ALL TRANSPORT COSTS AND PERCENTAGE OF LIVING AND TUITION COSTS FOR OFFICERS TRAINING IN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

3. EMBOFF EXPLAINED MAP ELIGIBILITY PROBLEM IN GENERAL TERMS AND SAID THIS SEEMED TO PRECLUDE USG PICKING

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UP SHARE OF TRAINING COSTS. BUT WHEN GITONGA REITERATED
MINISTRY'S INTEREST IN SUCH TRAINING, EMBOFF AGREED TO
ASK THE DEPT. TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION
TO PROBLEM.

GOM FOR ESTATE: GIVEN GITONGA APPARENTLY SINCERE INTEREST

IN SPECIALIZED TRAINING COURSES FOR MIDDLE-GRADE OFFICERS
FROM ANY OF THREE SERVICES, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENTS
EXPLORING POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES UNDER WHICH USG MIGHT
IN FUTURE MEET PORTION OF TUITION AND LIVING COSTS OF

SUCH PROGRAM. EMBASSY AWARE GOK HAS TWICE TURNED DOWN
LEADER GRANT INVITATIONS TO MILITARY OFFICER. EMBOFF
IN FACT DISCUSSED THIS WITH GITONGA, WHO REPLIED THAT
DEFENSE MINISTRY HAD NOT FELT IT COULD SPARE OFFICER FOR
GOOD-WILL TOUR, BUT THAT SPECIALIZED TRAINING COURSE WAS

QUITE DIFFERENT THING. GITONGA ADDED THAT MIDDLE-GRADE LEVEL SUITED
KENYAN NEEDS PERFECTLY, AS SENIOR OFFICERS COULD SELDOM BE
SPARED FOR TRAINING.

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